Did Lama Control Weather to Cloak Escape?

LONDON (UPI)—A correspondent of the respected Times of London reported from the Tibetan frontier yesterday that divine power over the weather may have made possible the Dalai Lama's escape.

"Lamas here are frequently called in to conjure rain in time of drought; and conversely, in the event of heavy storms or hail, are not infrequently taken to task, or even beaten, by people for their presumed negligence," the correspondent cabled from Gangtok, Sikkim.

"There is one aspect of the Dalai Lama's classic escape which few people will fail to notice. On March 31, when his party finally crossed the border into India, a thick unseasonable wall of cloud still hung over the eastern Himalayas, as for more than a week past, blanketing the mountain tops and hindering pursuit.

"The very next morning the clouds had lifted and the lofty snow peaks were again gleaming against a brilliant blue sky.

"It would be a hardy correspondent who dared to affirm that the Tibetan lamas possess powers of controlling weather; it would be a hardened skeptic who could live for long in these mountains and still with certainty deny it."

The Times correspondent said he had one first-hand experience with controlled weather when he watched a cloudburst held off during Sikkim's stately New Year dances.

He recalled a similar case of rain being delayed on the occasion of the Dalai Lama's first sermon on his way to India in 1956.

"Was a similar power invoked to protect the Dalai Lama in his escape?" the Times asked. "The question is a fascinating one."

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Jagged Stake Impales Car Misses Driver by Inches

Violent death passed within inches of Wendy D. Hedges, 19, of Phillips Road, Sooke, when the car she was driving was impaled by a 10-foot piece of lumber at Admirals and Trans-Canada Highway at about 7.30 last night.

A jagged two-by-four, hurtling from an oncoming truck, crashed through the windshield above the steering wheel and brushed past the driver's face, embedding itself in the rear seat.

Saanich police said the girl was unable to identify the other vehicle.

RUSSIA MOVE ALL OFF SAY SONS OF FREEDOM

Fans Attack Referees in Ding-Dong Playoff

Frantic fans charged on to the ice and started swinging last night just before end of ding-dong Stanley Cup playoff game between Montreal Canadiens and Chicago Black Hawks at Chicago. Fifteen-minute rumpus started after Claude Provost scored winning goal giving Canadiens the game, 5-4, and the semi-final series. While one fan battles with Referee Red Storey, right, another, foreground, lopes out to join melee. Skating up centre is lineman Strong, while Ted Lindsay of Black Hawks maintains alert at left. See Page 10.—(AP Photofax)

By Canada

Arctic Crash Plan

MONTREAL (UPI)—Canadian scientists have organized a crash program to catch up with Russia's superior knowledge of this country's far northern resources.

Four teams of scientists and researchers attached to the federal fisheries research board's Arctic unit based here were assigned to the project which will cover a sparsely-populated area from the Alaska border east to Frobisher Bay. A 400,000 square mile section of the Northwest Territories between Hudson Bay and Yellowknife, and a large part of Hudson Bay itself, will be included.

The program will get under way in June and continue until late in September. It follows statements in the U.S. House resources committee that the Russians know more about far northern Canada than is known by Canadians or their United States allies.

Now It's Plastic Plates

Proving that all that spins isn't a hula hoop is six-year-old Kenneth Davison, 721 Pine. The gadget, which is beginning to assume craze proportions, consists merely of a rod and a plastic plate. All that person working it has to possess is perseverance, patience and balance.—(Colonist photo)

Sorokin Return Sought

KRESTOVA, B.C. (CP)—The Sons of Freedom Doukhobors, a radical section of the 12,000-member religious sect in British Columbia, want to remain in Canada.

A brief indicating that the Sons do not wish to migrate to Russia was presented to RCMP who attended a meeting of 300 members of the Sons of Freedom here. The police were asked to transmit the brief to Ottawa.

FIRST TIME

It was the first time in the stormy history of the Sons of Freedom that police officers had been invited to a conference.

During the meeting at least a dozen men and women disrobed.

The Sons of Freedom also want federal authorities to assist in bringing back their spiritual leader, Stefan S. Sorokin, who since 1952 has lived on a 25-acre orchard farm near Montevideo, Uruguay.

URGED RETURN

For more than a year the leaders of the 3,000 Sons of Freedom have campaigned for a return to Russia, claiming persecution under Canadian laws.

A delegation named by the Sons of Freedom visited Russia early last year, travelling to Siberia, where they sought land for settlement. Some 2,500 were reported ready to go.

Federal and provincial authorities, seeking to end years of terrorism in the Kootenays, agreed to help the migration.

Financial aid was promised involving more than $1,000,000 but Canadian authorities wanted assurance that the Soviet government would admit the Sons of Freedom. Apparently the sect failed to get this assurance.

LUXURY LIFE

The Russian-born Sorokin who is not a Doukhobor, is reported to live in luxury in Uruguay on funds sent year after year by Sons of Freedom.

"We need Sorokin to give direction and purpose to our lives," a spokesman told RCMP officers.

Attorney-General Robert Bonner was not available in Victoria for comment on the development last night, although it is known his department expressed doubt all along that the Sons of Freedom actually would leave Canada for Russia.

Health Minister Eric Martin, senior minister in the absence of Premier Bennett and Mr. Bonner, was not available for comment.

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Fulton or Fleming

Cabinet Choice Due Tomorrow

Prime Minister Diefenbaker is expected to announce Canada's new minister of external affairs in the Commons tomorrow morning.

Well-informed sources informed sources in Ottawa were confident last night that the announcement will be made tomorrow and Justice Minister Davie Fulton has been tipped as the likely man.

Mr. Fulton is known to be popular among the government's backbenchers and Mr. Diefenbaker is expected to bow to their wishes.

Also prominently mentioned as a likely choice is Finance Minister Donald Fleming.

Space Man Can Return

DALLAS, Texas (AP)—Scientists Saturday unveiled space glider control instruments which they say can bring a man back alive from orbit and land him on any airfield he chooses.

We'll Use Everything —McElroy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. will fight with everything it has if Russia uses major force against Berlin, Defence Secretary McElroy told Congress. General Nathan Twining said the Berlin issue is a political rather than a military problem.

Bill 43 Tops Newfoundland

VANCOUVER (CP)—Premier T. C. Douglas of Saskatchewan said Saturday the recently-passed Trades Union Act of British Columbia is a greater threat to the trades union movement than that passed in Newfoundland.

"Bill 43 is more serious than the legislation passed in Newfoundland," he said during an 80-minute speech to 600 persons attending the banquet of the B.C. CCF convention here.

"This not only lets the cabinet at you, it lets everybody at you."

DECERTIFICATION

The CCF premier referred to B.C. legislation passed last month to make unions legal entities subject to suit and to Newfoundland legislation decertifying the International Woodworkers of America.

He commented on the measures to emphasize what he called a need for trades unions to enter the political arena.

"The tragedy," he said, "is that thousands of trades unionists have taken too much for granted. They have not realized that what has been built up over 100 years could be wiped out in 24 hours..

"This is the beginning of fascism in Canada," he said.

Fifty years ago rulings in England that unions could be sued brought about the Labor Party. The same result had to follow here if the rights of the people were to be protected.

FEWER HANDS

The so-called free enterprise system had changed from one of laissez-faire capitalism to one of corporation capitalism. Economic control was being placed in the hands of fewer and fewer people.

The premier said he will urge not only trade unions but farm and co-operative organizations as well to take political action to help elect a socialist government that will protect the rights and freedoms of all people.

"The time is past," he said, "when we can fight on the economic picket line and scab on the political picket line."

PREMIER DOUGLAS
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Wrath Of China Big Fear

NEW DELHI, India (AP)—India shielded Tibet's fugitive Dalai Lama from any outside contact Saturday, obviously fearful lest he say something that might bring down the wrath of China.

China has sent 100,000 fresh troops to smash the Tibetan rebellion before the stunning escape of the Dalai Lama inflames all of Tibet.

The Peiping regime apparently intends to overwhelm Tibetan anti-Communists by sheer numbers.

Reds Looking Up North?

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States Navy said Saturday it knows nothing of Soviet plane surveillance over Russian fishing fleets working near the Pribilof Islands off the Aleutian chain in the North Pacific.

Sen. Warren Magnuson, Washington Democrat, said Friday the navy told him Soviet planes are keeping surveillance over the fishing boats.

Nikita Still Ahead In Berlin Debate

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the fateful debate over Berlin, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev is still ahead.

This became evident Saturday with the windup of intensive consultations here among foreign policymakers of the last week.

An official communique stressed the solidarity of the Allied stand against yielding to Soviet pressures for withdrawal from West Berlin. The position thus redefined, for what a cynical diplomat called the umpteenth time, is essentially a negative one. It does nothing to challenge Khrushchev's hold on the initiative.

On the positive side the NATO foreign ministers stressed their desire for negotiations with the Soviet Union.

Tibet Revolt 'U.S. Plot'

LONDON (AP)—Pravda again accused the United States of organizing the Tibetan rebellion and said it was part of an imperialist plot against the people of Asia.

Wine Packs Penicillin Power But French Drink Too Much

PARIS (UPI)—Wine-loving Frenchmen who suffered through the milk-drinking campaign of ex-premier Pierre Mendes-France four years ago were partially vindicated by science yesterday.

A group of doctors and scientists who have just completed a study of alcoholism in France found that a good Bordeaux red wine packs just about the same germ-killing power as penicillin.

The official body, known as the High Committee of Studies on Alcoholism, presented its findings to Premier Michel Debre in a 223-page report.

Laboratory tests cited in the study as showing that "wine is a powerful antibiotic comparable to penicillin" were not offered by the committee as an inducement to heavier drinking, however.

On the contrary, the group warned that alcoholism still is too prevalent in France. It laid much of the blame on over-consumption of wine, more than one liter (about a quart) a day.